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AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Replace paragraph 42 with the following, which shows changes made relative to the immediate prior version.

[0042] An extension 311 projects from the backing plate 307. The annular extension 311 has a plurality of elongated slots 313 therein. The slots 313 extend in the axial direction of the engine. Preferably, the slots 311_313 are not elongated in the circumferential direction to prevent rotation of the brush seal. A boss 315 surrounds each slot 313. The boss 315/slot 313 could have a low-friction coating thereon, or a bushing (not shown) made from a low friction material could be placed in the slot 313.